

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**FY15 Seasonal High Tunnels**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> FY15 Seasonal High Tunnels		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement conservation practices which:	
2. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from on-farm agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
3. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide), CH <sub>4</sub> (Methane), and N <sub>2</sub> O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
6. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Conservation Activity Plan	
1. If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife	
2. Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Weeds	
3. Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality	
4. Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Grazing Lands	
5. Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a planned grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Pollinator Habitat	
6. Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
General Questions	
2. Will the Seasonal High Tunnel be installed where specialty commodity crops are currently grown (Refer to USDA Specialty Commodity Crop Definitions)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is this the applicant's first high tunnel contracted with NRCS?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will Crops be grown outside of the normal production period? (Feb.-Apr. and/or Oct.-Dec.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Permits (answer Yes to only one of the following 5 or 6) Are all building permits from the county or city in place at time of ranking?	
5. Yes or Not Applicable	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. No	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Direct Marketing (answer Yes to only one of the following 7-10) What percentage of produce will be sold at farmers markets, road side stands, donations to local food banks, or other direct sales/donations?	
7. <25%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. 25-50%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. 50-75%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. >75%	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Frost Free Season (Answer YES to only one of the following 11-14)	
11. Between 80 to 100 days	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Between 100 to 120 days	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Between 120 to 140 days	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Between 140 to 160 days	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
15. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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